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New processing, phone and fax numbers for obtaining an Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Beginning January 2002 there will be a single toll-free telephone number to get an Employer Identification Number (EIN). The new toll-free number, 1-866-816-2065, will be effective January 2002.

Several links are available on the IRS website with additional information:

Fact sheet

[What's New: Employer Identification Number](#)

Upcoming Improvements to the EIN Process and How to Apply.

[EIN over the Internet](#)

[How to Apply](#)

Procedural and contact information - EIN State Alignment with the current phone numbers and fax numbers (the phone numbers will be changed to the new toll-free line in January 2002):

[EIN Processing for January 2002](#)

Recent Concerns Identified:

[Processing Concerns](#)

Newest Update: This year, the IRS consolidated the assignment of EIN's to just three campuses. We updated our systems to include additional prefixes to avoid an overflow situation. There is no longer any prefix tied directly to a specific state, however the range of numbers has increased.

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The new numbers may present some validation exceptions in systems that had previously been programmed to accept the old codes. For example, a new EIN for a business in the state of Nevada may be assigned a number beginning with 30, rather than the 88 customers are accustomed to.

The valid range of numbers (01-99) excludes the numbers 07, 08, 09, 17, 18, 19, 28, 29, 49, 78 and 79. All other two digit prefixes in that range are valid.